

Go all to whom

these Records shall come the under signed Delegates of the States
affixed to our Names send greeting. We the Delegates of the
United States of America in Congress assembled on the fifteenth day
of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and
Seventy seven and in the second Year of the Independence of America
agree to certain articles of Confederation and perpetual Union between the
States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island and Providence
Plantings, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware,
Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, in
the Words following, viz. "Article of Confederation and perpetual
Union between the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island
and Providence Plantings, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Penn-
sylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina
and Georgia."

Article I. The name of this confederacy shall be "The
United States of America."

Article II. Each state retains its sovereignty, freedom and
independence, and every Power, Jurisdiction and right, which is not by
this confederation expressly delegated to the United States, in Congress
assembled.

Article III. The said states hereby severally enter into a firm
league of friendship with each other, for their common defence, the security
of their Liberties, and their mutual and general welfare, binding them-
selves to assist each other, against all force offered to, or attacks made upon
them, or any of them, on account of religion, sovereignty, trade, or any other
pretence whatsoever.

Article IV. We enter to secure and perpetuate mutual friendship
and intercourse among the people of the different states in this union, the
free inhabitants of each of these states, paupers, vagabonds and fugitives
from Justice excepted, shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities of
free citizens in the several states; and the people of each state shall have
free ingress and egress to and from any other state, and shall enjoy therein
all the privileges of trade and commerce, subject to the same duties, im-
positions and restrictions as the inhabitants thereof respectively, provided
that such restriction shall not extend so far as to prevent the removal of
property imported into any state, to any other state of which the Owner
is an inhabitant; provided also that no imposition, duties or restrictions
shall be laid by any state, on the property of the united states, or either of
them.

If any Person guilty of, or charged with treason, felony, or
other high misdemeanor in any state, shall flee from Justice, and be found
in any of the united states, he shall, upon demand of the Governor or
executive power of the state from which he fled, be delivered up and re-
moved to the state having jurisdiction of his offence.

Full faith and
credit shall be given in each of these states to the records, acts and judicial
proceedings of the courts and magistrates of every other state.

Article V. For the more convenient management of the general

And that the articles thereof shall be inviolably observed by the states we
respectively represent; and that the union shall be perpetual. In Witness
whereof we have herunto set our hands in Congress. Done at Philadelphia
in the state of Pennsylvania the ninth Day of July in the Year of
our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Seventy-eight, and in the
thirtieth year of the independence of America

On the part & behalf
of the
State of Delaware

Geo. M. Smith

John Dickinson

Nicholas Lindley

John Hancock

Samuel B. Parsons

John Hancock

Josiah Bartlett

John Wentworth

August 26th 1778

On the part & behalf
of the State of
New Hampshire

John Hancock

On the part
and behalf

On the part & behalf
of the State of
Virginia

Richard Henry Lee

John Banister

Thomas Adams

John Harris

Francis Lightfoot Lee

John Jay

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William Henry Drayton

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On the part & behalf

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On the part and on
behalf of the State
of New Jersey

Nov. 26. 1778.

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On the part and
behalf of

the State
of

Pennsylvania